GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:378
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2001
MILITANT ACTIVITIES IN J & K
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item regarding kidnapping of women from valley appearing in the Rashtriya Sahara dated May 30, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government are aware that majority of these kidnapped women are being sent back to India after imparting them training in Pakistan;

(d) if so, the number of such cases noticed so far; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to deal with the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Government is aware of the news item.

(c) & (d): There have been intelligence inputs indicating that Pakistan ISI is reportedly recruiting and training young women to take part in terrorist activities in J&K. They are likely to be employed as overground workers.

(e): The Government of India has alerted the State Government of J&K and Security Forces to take necessary steps and exercise great caution.